

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (a) Yes.

(b) Site has been chosen, plan for the building prepared and the estimate is under preparation.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH : May I know from the Chief Engineer how long it is since the preparation of the estimate began ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : I have fixed up the locality only recently. Preparation began some six months ago. It is still under preparation and they have not yet come to me.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Will the honourable member kindly call for it ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : Yes Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : May I know whether the work will be taken up next year ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : Yes Sir.

Culvert over the Perumchilai thodu.

190. ***MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR.** Will the Government be pleased to state whether any damage has been noticed to the culvert over the Perumchilai thodu in the Vaikom-Ettumanoor road ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : No.

Maintenance of roads in the Quilon Division.

191. ***MR. K. A. MOHAMED :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the total budget estimate for the maintenance of roads in the Quilon Division for the year 1121 ; and

(b) the amount spent till the end of Edavom 1121 ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (a) Rs. 5,23,161.

(b) Rs. 3,42,576-25-0.

Concreting of roads.

192. ***MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal by the Government to concrete the Trivandrum-Quilon road and the Main Central road ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : Yes.

Roads in the Quilon and Kottayam Revenue Divisions.

193. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they are aware that the roads in the Quilon and Kottayam Revenue Divisions have generally deteriorated considerably after the present Chief Engineer has taken charge of the Department ; and

(b) whether they are aware that the Kottarakara-Kottayam Road, Quilon-Kottarakara Road, Quilon and Changanacherry town roads, Kayamculam-Thattarampalam road and practically all the mofussil roads in the State are in a very bad and unsatisfactory condition ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (a) No.

(b) No.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN : May I know whether the Chief Engineer has inspected all the roads in the Kottayam Division ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : Not all the roads. I have inspected some of those roads.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN : May I know whether all those roads are in good condition ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : According to the value of money spent they are not too bad.

M. C. Road between Adoor and Vadakkedathu Kavu.

194. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they are aware that a portion of the M. C. Road between Adoor and Vadakkedathu Kavu—distance of 1 mile—is closed for traffic ;

(b) if so, the purpose for, and the period during which it was so closed ; and

(c) the amount estimated for the improvement of this part of the road ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (a) Yes.

(b) To enable the main road in question to be regrated and widened. It was closed from about the end of April to 1st July 1946.

(c) Rs. 8,000.

Bridge at Ennakkattu mula.

195. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the bridge at Ennakkattu mula on the Puliyoorennakkad road was constructed :

(b) the year or years in which there have been Budget provisions for the construction of this bridge ; and

(c) the sanctioned amount for the construction of this bridge ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (a) No. It is under construction.

(b) From 1117 M. E. to 1121.

(c) Rs. 2,575.

Irrigation for Trivandrum taluk.

196. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether any comprehensive scheme has been prepared to solve the problem of irrigation for Trivandrum taluk ; and

(b) if not, why not ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (a) The matter is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (a).